

## SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

### **ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS**

Amendment to existing rule.

Changes to these rules are for clarification. Definitions of “Accredited Teacher Preparation Program” and “Public School” were added. Candidates must submit all NBPTS components within the first year of the candidacy cycle to receive state funding. An applicant applying for initial candidacy must not have received prior state funding to be eligible. The time frame in which a candidate may ask for reimbursement if they paid for the first component is changed from 60 days to 14 days after the release of NBPTS scores. If the candidate is reimbursed and wants to receive state funding for the remaining components they must submit all remaining NBPTS components within the second year of the candidacy cycle. Payments will be made annually by June 30th.

#### **CHANGES MADE AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Section 4.4: Changed 30 days to 14 days after the release of scores from NBPTS. The Division has a deadline of getting the information to the State Board no later than the February board meeting. This is so candidates can meet the NBPTS deadlines of purchasing components by the end of Feb. The “14 days after the release of NBPTS scores” will give enough time for the Advisory Committee to review and submit their recommendations to State Board.